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**LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY OFFICE****PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-15-11****February 17, 2015**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); ARM 17.30.1001 *et seq.*, Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, fact sheets, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0022390

APPLICANT: US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
17887 Highway 37
Libby, MT 59923-7828

FACILITY NAME: Libby Dam Project

FACILITY LOCATION: Lincoln County

Township 31N, Range 29W, Section 33

Outfalls 001, 002, and Outfall 003A through E:
48°24'39" N latitude, 115°53'26" W longitude.

RECEIVING WATER: Outfalls 001, 002, and Outfall 003A through E: Kootenai River

This Public Notice is for the renewal of Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit number MT0022390.

USACE owns and operates the Libby Dam Project, located east of Libby, Montana, on the Kootenai River. The permittee has requested coverage for three outfalls: Outfall 001 is the previously permitted wastewater treatment plant discharge, and Outfalls 002 and 003A through E for the powerhouse dewatering sump and generator non-contact cooling water discharges, respectively.

Limits are proposed for Outfall 001 for Total Suspended Solids, 5 day Biochemical Oxygen Demand, and *E. coli* bacteria. Periodic sampling will monitor effluent compliance with maximum daily, 7-day and 30-day limitations. While there are no new limits proposed for Outfalls 002 and 003A through E, self-monitoring requirements are proposed.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Golden Estates Homeowner's Association

FACILITY NAME: Golden Estates Phase III

FACILITY LOCATION: The site is located approximately ½ mile north of the City of Helena, between McHugh Drive and North Montana Ave

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001 – Class I Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000135

A determination has been made by DEQ to renew the Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit, MTX000135, to Golden Estates Homeowner's Association for the Golden Estates III facility. This permitting action authorizes discharge of treated domestic wastewater to ground water.

The proposed facility serves as a centralized collection, treatment and disposal system for residents and businesses located within Golden Estates Phase III.

The facility will treat domestic wastewater utilizing a recirculating sand filter discharging to a pressure dosed underground drainfield.

The proposed facility will use subsurface structures (Outfall 001) to discharge treated wastewater to underlying groundwater. The discharge structure's proposed location is: Northeast ¼ of Section 18, Township 10 North, Range 3 West; 46 degrees 37'39", -112 degrees 01' 30.3", Lewis and Clark County, Montana

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS March 19, 2015. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS March 19, 2015 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373 and 17.30.1024).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative

record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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